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Subject: Closure of FBIS Athens Unit

FBIS operations in Athens will be discontinued as of 16 January 1981. To ensure that coverage of Athens radio and newspapers is maintained for all consumers, FBIS will transfer all of the Athens Unit coverage, with the exception of television, to its Nicosia Bureau.

In addition, FBIS has made arrangements with ICA/Athens to use "phone feeds" of radio broadcasts to Nicosia Bureau as a backstop mode of operation. This method will be used if, during a time of crisis or even during an important Chamber discussion, major speech, etc., Nicosia Bureau's reception of Athens radio is too poor to permit processing.

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